



sharing the faith

According to His Father's will, Jesus Christ did not remain upon earth after He had completed His work of redemption. He was called to take His place at the right hand of the Father. He therefore entrusted the care of the Gospel to His Church.

As He himself was sent by the Father, so Christ sends His Church to the ends of the earth:

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time" (Matt. 28:18).

God's Church is like a mustard seed. It is small indeed in its beginning; but it will grow and expand until it is like a great tree. It reaches out to the whole world because God "wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4).

The duty to help spread the kingdom of God belongs not only to the clergy but also to the Christian laity. This is the message emphasized over and over by Vatican Council II, especially in its *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*.

This is the clear lesson, too, of Holy Scripture. We are all stewards of God's grace; we must take care to dispense this grace to others. We have received the

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Thou
art
my
beloved
Son,
in
thee
I
am
well
pleased.

(Luke 3:22)



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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COMMEMORATION OF THE BAPTISM
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

JANUARY 11, 1970

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, 6:00 P.M.
Sunday, 8:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS: 6:30 A.M.

(No weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of this week.)

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Mr. Wesley Rackley & Mr. William Hugman
Mr. Arno Harz & Mr. J. A. Kalka
Mr. Fred Mainz & Mr. Roy Liesman

Other ushers who are present at these Masses are asked to assist the men who are assigned. Five ushers, even seven, are not too many: one to assist the good ladies with the rather heavy front door, two to welcome the people (and I do mean welcome) and two or four in the aisles near the front to spot the vacant spaces and signal for the ushers in the rear to send the families forward. Step forward! Look official! Escort the people to the vacant pews; they are anxious to cooperate with the usher if they are able to tell who the usher is, and you can spare them embarrassment, especially if they happen to arrive after the Mass has started - something that can happen to all of us. Also, you might try to save a few places in the rear pews for parents with small babies. These babies, with their proclivity for unharmonious melody are just as welcome in our church as their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents but naturally their sweet mothers do not want to be the "center" of attraction.

LECTORS: Saturday, Jan. 17, 6:00 P.M. Mr. Wayne Kennel
Sunday, January 18, 8:00 A.M. Mr. Joe Greloch
11:00 A.M. Mr. A. A. Leopold

We would certainly welcome a few more candidates for this distinguished office of lector. Naturally you are going to be nervous the first few times you stand up there to lead the congregation (since I am still nervous it must take about 35 years to reach true nonchalance) but it is all in the family.

ALTAR BOYS: Saturday, Jan. 17, 6:00 P.M. Schwarz boys
Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:00 A.M. Larry Kalka
11:00 A.M. Sotello boys

As you have probably noticed, we are giving "on the job" training to new altar boys - no age limits or limits as to numbers; as long as we can find cassocks for them they are welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION CLASS: No class this week because of exams.

Your pastor will be absent from Monday afternoon until late Thursday night - he will be at St. Joseph's retreat House in San Antonio (tel. 342-0121) doing some meditating and some praying both for himself and his parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 11, 8:00 A.M. Parishioners
11:00 A.M. Special intention

Monday, January 12, 6:30 A.M. Mrs. Emil Fritz- Mr. & Mrs. Ben Fielder

Tuesday, January 13 Special intention

Wednesday, January 14 Special intention

Thursday, January 15 Special intention

Friday, January 16, 6:30 A.M. Frank Sultenfuss - Mr. & Mrs. Alex Fish

Saturday, January 17, 6:00 P.M. Mr. Wm. Schwarz - A. A. Pechacek

LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

Monday
Weekday

Tuesday
Weekday

Wednesday
Weekday
(St. Hilary)

Thursday
Weekday

Friday
Weekday

Saturday
St. Anthony
Memorial

immense treasure of the faith; we must guard it and pass it on to the generations who will come after us.

MEMBERS OF CHRIST

One of the important characteristics of the living body is that each of its parts works for the welfare of the whole. In the same way, those who are incorporated into Christ by Baptism must work for the welfare and growth of His Mystical Body.

St. Paul develops this idea most beautifully in the fourth chapter of his *Letter to the Ephesians*. Each of us, he says, must use the grace given to us for the building up of the body of Christ until it has attained the perfect measure of fullness and maturity intended by God. The body of Christ grows by the spread of truth and love.

"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each separate part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up, in love" (Ephes. 4:15).

EACH HAS HIS OWN GIFTS

Each member of Christ's body has his own gifts, given to him by God for the welfare of the whole community.

"Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so, all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given us" (Rom. 12:4).

These gifts are to be used not for personal glory or satisfaction, but for the service of the community.

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of services to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose" (1 Cor. 12:4).

The spread of God's kingdom, the building up of the body of Christ is a supernatural work. Therefore we must depend more upon prayer and grace than upon our own efforts. We must spend ourselves without counting the cost. Nevertheless, even when we have done our utmost, we must recognize that we are still "unprofitable servants." We can plow and water the land; but only God can give the increase.

Christ came to cast fire upon the earth, to set the world ablaze with the love of God. Each Christian, then, who is called to be an apostle, a steward of His grace, should try first to set his own heart on fire with the same love and then to kindle this love in the hearts of others. In this way he will truly fulfill his vocation "to burn with the spirit of Christ and to exercise his apostolate in the world" (Vatican II).

